

Hearing Board hands down disciplinary warning

By Joseph Guberman

Mark Gibson, an 8th term engineering student, was found guilty this month of disorderly conduct by the Student Standing Board.

Gibson was accused of striking Tom Nevling during a confrontation in the dorms on the night of the great blizzard of 1983. The incident began when Nevling was said to have

thrown a lighted book of matches into Gibson's room. Gibson then apparently went looking for Nevling, and a fight ensued.

Originally Gibson was found guilty by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Jerry South, who recommended that he be expelled from the dorms. Gibson claimed self defense and requested an appeal.

Gibson, who was dressed very neatly in a bright orange sweater, said "I'm not aggressive

in nature." And added: "The way I feel my action was to solve the problem. I tried to avoid him, but he came after me, that's why I struck him."

South, who represented the University, felt Gibson's story fell apart when he confronted the student instead of just talking it out or calling for the Resident Assistant.

However, after Gibson paraded a number of credible witnesses in front of the board,

his self-defense plea seemed to gain momentum.

Gibson was given a disciplinary warning to be placed in his record and was permitted to remain in the dorms.

In the end, the board found Gibson guilty of disorderly conduct. However, they concluded that he was "innocent of physical abuse for reasons of self-defense."

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Assault prompts escort service formation

By Thomas Dekle

An escort service is now offered to students and faculty in the wake of an assault on a faculty member last year.

Police Service officers Chris Barrett and Bill Brownlowe are on duty every Monday through Thursday night from 8 to 11 p.m. to escort students and faculty to their cars in either the upper lot or the main lot behind the Olmsted Building. They can also assist with any car problem.

"If you would like to have an escort on those dark nights, stop by the nurse's office," Barrett recommended. The nurse is connected with the Police Services and Escort Officers by a two-way radio. She will call an officer for you. Many times the officer on duty can be found in the Lion's Den when not on inspection rounds of the building.

If you would like to walk with other students to the dorms or Meade heights at night, you can also stop at the nurse's office. The nurse's office is designated as a meeting area for students going back to the dorm or Heights.

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